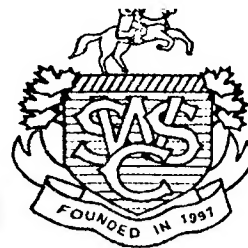


South Wellington Coin Society

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An impressive number of members and guests came out for the August meeting of the SWCS. The meeting featured an O.N.A. presentation on coin weights; a number of dealer tables; a windfall of door prizes and even home baked cookies at the refreshment table. There was also breaking news for collectors of error coins and Canadian Tire Coupons. For those who missed it or those who want to hear it again here is a recap...

Scarce '97 Half Dollar Variety?

The SWCS president Scott Douglas kept us up to date on research into the discovery of what appears to be die cracks on a hand full of '97 half dollars. Scott had split a box of '97 halves with a friend who latter noticed one of the odd coins. Each of the friends searched their half of the box and together they discovered a total of 6 such coins out of 1000. Scott has heard of no other sightings of these potentially rare coins. One of these coins is now in the hands of an experienced error collector for more confirmation. Stay tuned for details...

Recently Recognized Dollar Variety.

Though it still does not appear in catalogues, a variety of the '58 half dollar has recently been recognized. Scott provided members with enlarged photocopies of the coin that point out the location of the dot. It might be worth your while to look out for professionally graded '58 halves that were evaluated before the variety was recognized.

Recent Canadian Tire Coupons For Stamp or Coin Collectors?

Mike Hollingshead got the SWCS members thinking when he brought in an interesting set of Canadian Tire Coupons. Recently, Canada Post produced a stamp commemorating the 75th anniversary of Canadian Tire. Canadian Tire then had the likeness of the stamp printed on the coupon and canceled by the post on the same day that they were issued. Mike indicated that there are speculated to be fewer than 200 sets of these coupons and asked if these were for stamp or coupon collectors.

Some SWCS Housekeeping.

Scott again invited members to submit material for the auction as the stock of material is running low. A reminder was given that the SWCS is building a collection of numismatic books in the library that houses our meetings. Also, with an extensive numismatic library of his own Scott offered to help members looking for certain literature. Some of the recently issued medals minted by Acton were available at the meeting. The medals which have no face value depict the community centre now under construction. Bob Zmija updated members on the progress of our own medal. Bob reported that the railcar design we had plans on using has appeared on medals issued by not one but two other organizations. Not wanting to "jump on the band wagon" Bob has prepared four alternate designs and again members are invited to give their two

over...

cents worth. Lastly it was clarified that the meetings start at 8:00pm with the doors opening at 7:00.

The August Feature Presentation

For the August meeting SWCS members were treated to another O.N.A. presentation. The slide show with accompanying narration documented times of gold coins and the need for coin weights. As more and more gold coins were produced there was more and more opportunity for counterfeiting. Several mechanism were devised to catch the common and often well-polished counterfeits. The slide showed a range of gold coins and the tools used to ensure their authenticity. These were from a number of nations including some that did not mint their own coins but did trade in them.

Family Feud In The August Auction

A family feud was waged as different members of the Zmija family bid against each other for some of the lots. While the auction saw little interest in some of the rarer tokens a number of dollars and halves changed hands.

Congratulation To The Waterloo Coin Society

Congratulations go out to the Waterloo Coin Society for receiving the "Club Of The Year Award" at the CNA convention in Moncton, New

Brunswick. The WCS was recognized for the variety of topics and programs it offers it's members and the regularity of meetings. Also honored was Braden Jennings who took home the "Royal Canadian Mint Youth Award." Braden received the award for his involvement in numismatics which include contributing articles the WCS newsletter and displays at the meetings. The WCS has also eared the opportunity to host the 1999 CNA convention.

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MEETINGS

8:00 on the first Wed. of every Month (doors open at 7)
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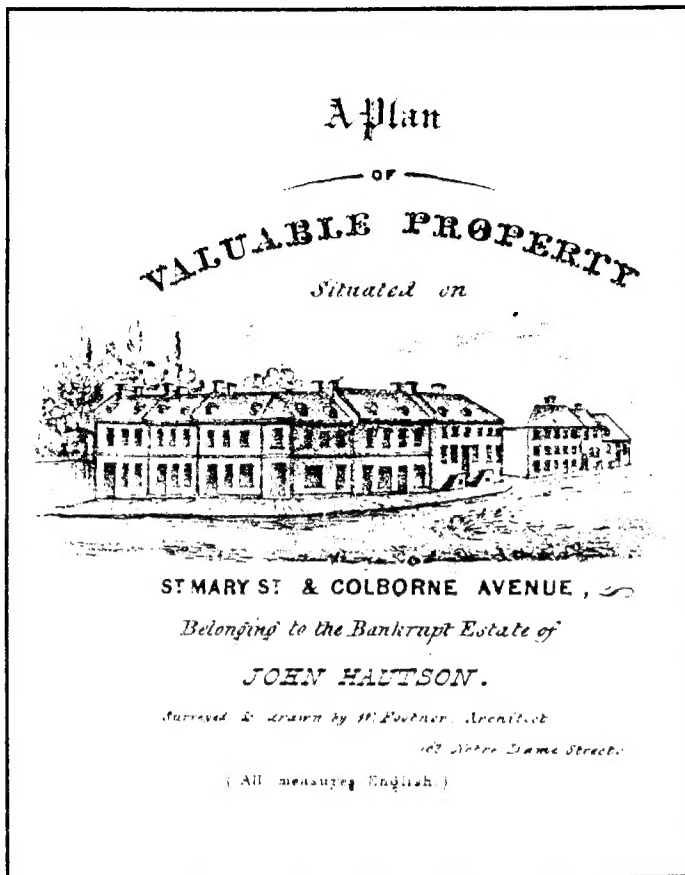
Auction Runner - Vince Zmija

PLAYING CARD "BONS"

Playing card money of the French
 time in Canada has the distinc-
 of being the first paper currency
 of the western hemisphere. First
 used as an emergency currency by
 the Intendant, Demeulles in
 1685, various issues persisted to
 1714. Although Adam Shortt illus-
 trated several specimens of playing
 card currency (Documents Relating
 to Canadian Currency, Exchange
 and Finance During The French Pe-
 riod, Ottawa, 1925, Vol I) no speci-
 mens are known today.

However an interesting but little
 known token currency, similarly
 made from cut portions of playing
 cards, was used around the first
 quarter of the nineteenth century by
 at least two individuals who operated
 businesses in the Montreal area.

John Hautson was born sometime
 between 1785 and 1800 according to
 the census of Montreal for 1825
 which also indicates he was married
 at the time. Between 1847 and 1849
 he operated a woodyard on St. Mary
 St, near Colborne which today is De-
 sormier Ave. Hautson died about
 1850 and the property was taken
 over in about 1851 or 1852 and
 added to the old Montreal Jail which
 originally had been built between
 1811 and 1836. This structure is now
 headquarters of the Quebec Liq-
 uor Commission.



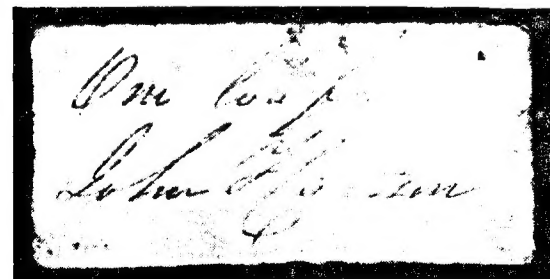
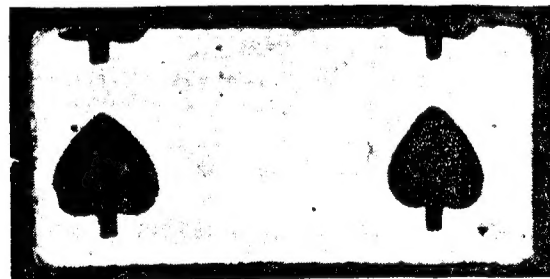
The "bons" probably relate to an ear-
 lier period than the dates given in the
 directories for Hautson's woodyard.
 According to the plan the busines-
 s occupied a rather imposing
 property. It must have been a busi-
 ness of sizeable proportion. There
 may well have been a bakehouse
 which supplied bread to the workers
 in exchange for a Hautson "bon".

Another example of playing card bon
 is that issued by John Ramsay, a
 military baker of Chambly, a village
 on the Richelieu River about fifteen
 miles from Montreal. He died in 1841
 and his wife Ann appears to have
 continued on with the bakery. As with
 Hautson's "Bon", Ramsay used third
 portions of playing cards. A coloured
 illustration of a Ramsay piece ap-
 pears on the cover of the Bank of
 Canada Review for March 1980.

Also Ramsay's note is for a four
 pound loaf which was, in 1815,
 being sold at 11d as opposed to a
 brown loaf of six pounds which
 demanded one shilling.

We are pleased to offer two speci-
 mens of these curious "Bons" play-
 ing cards.

(Montreal Que) ONE LOAF/ John
 Hautson, handwritten on the verso of
 an early eighteenth century cut (one
 third portion) playing card.



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Playing Card "Bon"

Auction List For Wednesday Sept. 3, 1997

<u>LOT#</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>EST.</u>	<u>RES.</u>
01.	Australia: 10 Dollars Silver (.925) 1988 (comm. landing of Gov. Phillip at Port Jackson)	\$30.00	\$15.00
02.	New South Wales: 10 Dollars Silver (.925) 1987 (New South Wales coat of arms)	\$25.00	\$12.50
03.	South Australia: 10 Dollars Silver (.925) 1986 (Jubilee-sesquicentenary of the State)	\$20.00	\$10.00
04.	Falkland Islands: 50 pence 1983 (comm. the 150th Anniversary of British Settlement) _____all of the above are housed in a vinyl wallet as issued_____	\$ 8.00	\$ 4.00
05.	British Crown 1977 Jubilee: in plastic case/issue	????	\$ 2.50
06.	CANADA: Large Cent 1888	\$ 3.50	\$ 1.75
07.	CANADA: Large Cent 1907H	\$ 2.50	\$ 1.25
08.	CANADA: 25 cents 1872H	\$ 7.00	\$ 3.50
09.	CANADA: 25 cents 1921	\$12.00	\$ 6.00
10.	CANADA: 50 cents 1937	\$ 9.00	\$ 4.50
11.	CANADA: 50 cents 1969,1974,1976,1985,1997. (5pcs)	\$ 7.50	\$ 3.75
12.	CANADA: Nickel Dollars: 1971,1972,1979,1982,1986.(5pcs)	\$12.50	\$ 6.25
13.	CANADA: Silver Dollar 1963	\$ 7.50	\$ 3.75
14.	CANADA: Silver Dollar 1964	\$ 7.50	\$ 3.75
15.	CANADA: Silver Dollar 1965 T1	\$ 7.50	\$ 3.75
16.	CANADA: Silver Dollar 1965 T2	\$ 7.50	\$ 3.75
17.	CANADA: Silver Dollar 1967	\$ 7.50	\$ 3.75
18.	New Brunswick: One Cent 1864(tall 6)	\$ 4.00	\$ 2.00
19.	United States: Silver Eagle 1986	\$18.00	\$ 9.00
20.	United States: <u>Proof</u> Silver Eagle 1992 (in case of issue)	\$35.00	\$17.50
<u>COIN CLUB MEDALS</u>			
21.	Buffalo Numismatic Association: 1930,1936,1945,1949. (4pcs)	\$24.00	\$ 9.50
22.	Buffalo Numismatic Association: 1952,1953,1965/66,1967.(4pcs)	\$24.00	\$ 9.50
23.	Bethlehem 1968,Lehigh Valley 1967,Pottstown 1967 Coin Clubs	\$15.00	\$ 7.50
24.	Bethlehem 1969,Chester Valley 1967,Wyoming Valley 1970	\$15.00	\$ 7.50
<u>BOOKS</u>			
25.	THE NUMISMATIST: Hardbound 1945 complete year.	\$30.00	\$15.00